

July 15, 1943, letter from Willis Laurence James to B.A. Botkin

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Dr. B. A. Botkin Assistant in Charge Archives of American Folk Songs Music Division
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Dear Dr. Botkin:

I was happy to receive your letter stating the possibility of borrowing the Fisk University recording machine for use at our August Festival. I shall investigate this possibility at once and let you know the outcome. I regret to say, however, that I do not have too much hope in the matter.

Everything is going very well. I have made arrangements to carry some singers up to Macon where we have been fortunate to arrange to have some records cut at station WMAZ. I assure you that I will do all that I can to have something of value for you. May I also say that we are having our recording machine repaired in Macon and I am hoping for the best results. I shall let you know about these results. Will you please be kind enough to inform my friend Lewis Jones that I have never heard from him. Indicate to him strongly that I am expecting to hear from him.

With every good wish, I am

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Sincerely, Willis Laurence James Willis Laurence James